

REMARKS

The reading circuit portions of claims 13, 22 and 37 are being amended to make the expression of multi-state storage similar to that of claims 25 and 36.

A further Supplemental Disclosure Statement is being filed herewith to bring some additional references to the Examiner's attention that came to the attention of the undersigned attorney in connection with this application after the Request for Continued Prosecution was filed April 6, 2004. Three of the listed U.S. patent references were cited by the Examiner in continuation-in-part application serial no. 10/161,235, filed May 31, 2002, the PCT application in Japanese appears to be a counterpart of one of these U.S. patents. The Office Action in that case, dated April 5, 2004, is also being cited and a copy provided. Claims 26 – 31 of that c.i.p. application were elected for examination, and dependent claim 29 recites multi-state storage. Consideration of all the newly cited references and making them of record in the file of the present application are respectfully requested.

It is believed that this application remains in condition for allowance and an early formal indication of its allowance in the current amended form is solicited. However, if there is anything further that needs attention, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at 415-318-1163 would be appreciated.

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